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**FOR** 

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FUEL CELLS

AND FUEL CELLS MANUFACTURED BY THE

**METHOD** 

**GROUP ART UNIT** 

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**EXAMINER** 

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 13, 14 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,989,741 to Bloomfield, et al. ("Bloomfield") in view of the MatWeb reference entitled "Shore (Durometer) Hardness Testing of Plastics" ("first MatWeb reference") and the MatWeb reference entitled "Overview - Thermoset Polyurethane, Adhesive" (the "second MatWeb reference"); claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bloomfield et al., in view of the first and second MatWeb